

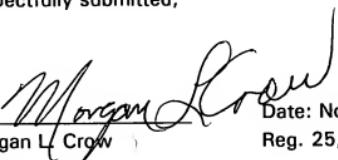
16. (new) A carpet assembly with shock absorbing properties comprising;
- a mat of closed cell foam composition having shock damping properties and having
  - a top side and a bottom side and predetermined thickness and perimeter edges
  - connecting said top side and said bottom side;
- a layer of adhesive covering the top side of the mat,
- a layer of carpet having a top side and a bottom side, the bottom side of the carpet
  - being fastened in contact with the pressure sensitive adhesive for adherence
  - thereto, and
- an edge molding of closed cell foam attached to at least one perimeter edge of the
  - carpet mat.
17. (new) A carpet mat assembly as in claim 16, wherein the assembly is made of like
- portable sections removeably secured contiguously together.

REMARKS

The claims have been amended in light of the examiner's finding that claim 10 is free of prior art. As indicated above, new claim 16 is a combination of claims 1, 8 and 10. Applicant submits that the new claim 16 is just as free of prior art as claim 10, with or without the removable portable sections. Claim 6 was an intervening claim, but applicant is submitting the former claim 6 as dependent claim 17, adding the limitation of removeably to better describe the invention and to clarify in response to the examiner's concern about the portable sections.

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